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Sports seasons in transition



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- Men's soccer closes season with OT win
- OMA's Paul James gets featured



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Homecoming sets great expectations

BY LORI GOETZINGER
Campus News Editor

The Greatest Homecoming on Earth is coming to Xavier Thursday, Nov. 15 through Monday, Nov. 19.

The homecoming court returns for the second year in a row. Fourteen students competed for spots on the court. They were chosen after an application and interview process. The candidates now have to campaign for the Homecoming 2001 King and Queen.

This is done through a penny war competition. For every penny donated, the winner will receive a point. Points will be taken away for each silver coin and dollar bill. Each candidate chose a charity and at the end of the week, the male and female candidates with the most points will win the crown. All proceeds will benefit their selected charities.

"We wanted to bring back the court, but instead of a popularity contest, we wanted to do something different."

— Dianne Fisk, director of Parent and Constituent Relations

As members of the court, the men and women are required to attend several events. These include cafeteria hours, SAC events, the Musketeer Celebration, the parade, the student dance and the men's basketball game.

The male court members will wear clown ties with their chari-

ties painted on them throughout the week. The female court members will wear pageant sashes with their charities painted as well.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the first homecoming court meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on the 10th floor of Schott Hall.

The Homecoming Court King and Queen will be announced at the men's basketball game on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

Other homecoming events include the eighth annual parade on Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. The parade starts at the Cintas Center and can be seen along Ledgewood Avenue, Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway. The Grand Marshall of the parade will be Xavier President Rev. Michael J. Graham, S.J.

More than 100 entries are expected for the homecoming parade. These include student floats, high school band competitions, and local celebrities and organizations.

The homecoming dance will be held Friday, Nov. 16 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Cintas Center. Tickets are available through presale Wednesday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Nieporte Lounge and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the Cafe.

2001 Homecoming court

MEN

Zakariah Wernecke
Project Connect
Chris Seelbach
Stonewall Cincinnati
Thomas Bayley
Camp Washington United
Methodist Church
Marcus Kelley
The Drop In Center
Andy Bonjour
To be announced

Bradley Turner

American Diabetes Assoc.
Charles Sambuchino
American Diabetes Foundation

WOMEN

Jomaile Holland
Diaster Relief Fund
Samantha Shrader
Disabled American Veterans

Natosha Cuyler-Sherman
The Salvation Army
Claire Beimesh
Alzheimer's Association
Cincinnati Chapter
Martha Schlaudecker
Breast Cancer Foundation
Sarah Schwab
Sara's Smile Inc.
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World Hunger Year

Xavier takes action



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

Xavier students take part in Community Action Day on Nov. 3.

BY ELIZABETH BONEAU
Asst. Campus News Editor

On Saturday, Nov. 3, almost 100 Xavier students came together to help the Cincinnati community. X-Action Day, or Community Action Day, was

both the closing Shantytown event and a large outreach project in itself.

Students met at 9:15 a.m. Saturday morning in Nieporte Lounge. Those volunteering then received free X-Action T-shirts and breakfast before heading out

to their work sites.

Students returned to Xavier around 1 p.m. and were treated to lunch for all their hard work.

Students had 11 different work sites from which to choose. Among them were the Brighton Center, the Peasley Neighborhood Center and the Cincinnati Speech and Hearing Center.

Xavier Action is a service club that assists a variety of organizations that serve the elderly, the sick, the poor and the homeless. Community Action Day is the club's largest project of the year and aims to send Xavier students out to improve the larger Cincinnati community. Xavier Action also hosts a Spring Community Action Day.

"Overall, it went very well and we were very pleased with the results. Those who participated seemed to enjoy themselves and their work was definitely appreciated," said Matt Byrne, Xavier Action director.

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Library fines forgiven for cause

In conjunction with the exhibit by photographer Jimmy Heath located on the first floor of McDonald Library and Shantytown, the libraries will accept canned goods and other non-perishable food items in payment for library overdue fines. One food item equals \$1 in fines. All items will be donated to the Drop Inn Center.

The food drive will run from Thursday, Nov. 1 to Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Book drive

The 2001 Crosstown Read Out is a book drive to benefit Cincinnati Public School Libraries. The book drive is being put on by the XU Mortar Board who are competing with the UC Mortar Board. New or gently used books can be dropped off in the bins located around campus for grades K-12. At each bin, there is also a wish list compiled by librarians. The wish list is also available at www.amazon.com, keyword Mortar Board. Books can be purchased at this site and then shipped to the Mortar Board. The drive runs from Nov. 5 through Nov. 30. For more info, email xumortarboard@hotmail.com

Homecoming

The homecoming dance will take place Friday, Nov. 16 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Cintas Center. The theme is The Greatest Homecoming on Earth. Tickets are available through pre-sale Wednesday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Nieporte Lounge and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the Cafe. The first 575 people receive a free homecoming glass with ticket purchase.

Donor Sabbath

On Nov. 9-11 National Donor Sabbath will be held to help increase organ and tissue donation in the Cincinnati area. For more information on National Donor Sabbath, contact Jeff Lueders or Theodore Smith at 558-5555 or 981-LIFE.

Lecture Series

On Friday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m., the John W. Rettig Lecture Series will present Dr. Shannon Byrne. Dr. Byrne will be speaking on "Iconography and Ideology: the Suppression of the Feminine in Athenian Democracy." The lecture will take place in the Presidential Lounge on the 10th floor of Schott. For more info, contact Dr. Edmund Cueva at 745-1931.

Lawyer speaks

Tom Condit will speak Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Kelley Auditorium at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by Students for Life and the Pre-law society.

Brueggeman center hosts discussion

BY LORI GOETZINGER

Campus News Editor

The Brueggeman Center for Interreligious Dialogue along with Proctor & Gamble will host a panel discussion to promote cultural understanding and tolerance in response to the events of Sept. 11.

The event, titled "Appreciating Differences," will take place at 7 p.m. today in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 of the Schiff Family Conference Center.

Panelists representing Christianity, Islam and Judaism will share the basic beliefs and concepts of their faith. The audience will then have the opportunity to ask questions and contribute to the discussion.

The event will be followed by a dramatic monologue by Rosina Fernhoff, an Obie award-winning actress. A reception will conclude the event.

"The Brueggeman Center serves to foster understanding across religious beliefs. In light of the tragic events of Sept. 11, there could be no more appropriate time

for the center to host an event like Appreciating Differences to encourage tolerance among people," said Rev. Joseph Bracken, S.J., director of the Brueggeman Center.

Proctor & Gamble's support of this event is a reflection of the company's commitment to promoting inclusion and cultural diversity, according to Carol Talbot, Proctor & Gamble community relations manager.

"We are proud to partner with the Brueggeman Center for this event because of its potential to build relationships and strengthen cultural understanding at a time when our city and nation needs just that," Talbot said.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, Fernhoff will also present "Snow People," a one-woman play dealing with issues of the later generations of families of Holocaust survivors. This will take place at the Hillel House Jewish Student Center, 2615 Clifton Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Shelia Speth at 745-3922.



INTERNATIONAL DINNER, FASHION

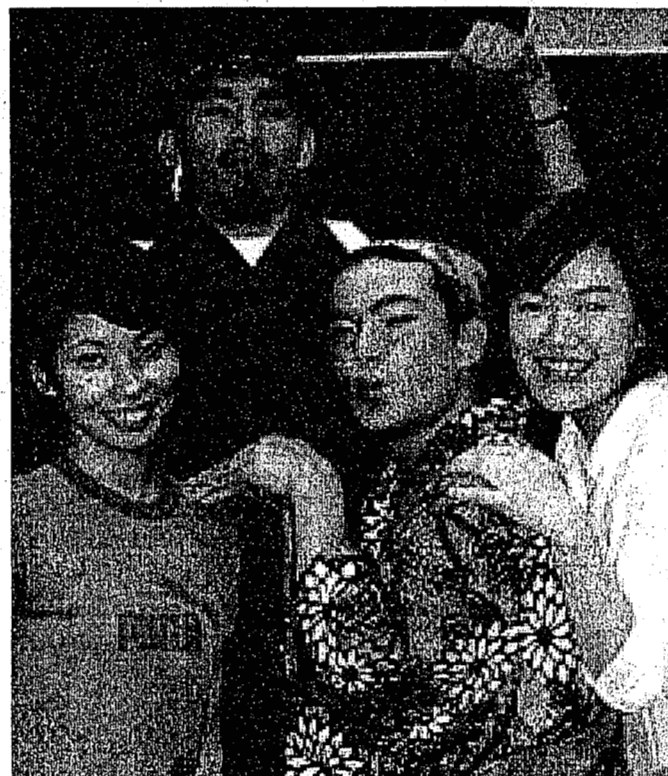


PHOTO COURTESY OF RIE YANAGIDA

Rie Yanagida, Yasunobu Miki, Junnosuke Tsujimura and Jeong-Won Lee at the International Dinner and Fashion Show on Nov. 2.

Police Notes

Oct. 31, noon — Officers responded to a call from Schott Hall concerning an explosion. An investigation revealed that a butane burner had caught a

tablecloth on fire in the 10th floor conference center.

Nov. 2, 11:45 a.m. — Campus Police responded to a minor auto accident in the North Lot. A student's car had been struck while parked.

Nov. 4, 12:15 a.m. — A student was cited for underage alcohol consumption behind Elet Hall. The student was also found with an open container.

Nov. 4, 12:45 a.m. — A student was cited for public indecency when found urinating in the trees behind Elet Hall.

Nov. 4, 2:09 a.m. — Campus Police responded to a call from Brockman Hall concerning a student with alcohol poisoning. The student was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment.

Nov. 4, 4:30 a.m. — Campus Police responded to a call from O'Connor Sports Center where a student had sprained his ankle playing basketball.

Double Xposure

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Police Note of the Week

Nov. 3, 11 p.m. — Campus Police responded to a call in Alter Hall. A member of the cleaning personnel reported criminal damage in the first floor men's restroom. Profanity had been written on the walls in blue marker and the toilets had been clogged.

Rangers lead fall competition

BY ELIZABETH BONEAU
Asst. Campus News Editor

The Army ROTC program has a long-standing tradition of excellence at Xavier and is renowned for the standards it sets for its cadets. However, none work as hard as those on the Ranger team, who are an elite assembly of Xavier's best, brightest and, above all, toughest.

Those who participate in Rangers do so by choice. There is no initiation — only a rigorous course of mental and physical training that leaves the weak by the wayside. Members arrive at school a week early to focus solely on physical conditioning. Among other Herculean tasks, this week includes a 13-mile run to Paul Brown Stadium and a 10K run with fully loaded rucksacks. The Rangers then end the week as part of the Manresa "Move Crew." This training continues three mornings a week, with the addition of more tactical sessions twice a week and on Saturdays.

This discipline pays off when it is time for competition. Each season, the Ranger team competes against teams from surrounding schools — at "Ranger Challenge" at Fort Knox in the fall, and here at

Xavier for the spring's "Best Ranger" competition.

"Their sheer dedication and hard work is phenomenal. Xavier is small in the rest of the world, but well-known in Army ROTC. Xavier is the one other schools want to model and is the standard they measure themselves against. We are David vs. Goliath," said Capt. Troy Hensley, club adviser and an Army Ranger himself.

At "Ranger Challenge" on Oct. 27, Xavier competed in six events: a PT (physical training) test, one-rope bridge, patrolling, hand grenade assault course, land navigation and a 10K road march. The one-day competition began at 5 a.m., and marked the first time in history Xavier took two teams to compete, with both the A and B teams placing in the top third.

The Ranger A Team took home seventh place and pulled out convincing wins in both the PT test and 10K road march. This superior physical performance was both a testament to their hard work, mental toughness, and, when all else fails, what they like to call "intestinal fortitude."

"The satisfaction that we get from giving it all we have is a reward in itself. It is more work physically and mentally than any



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOANNA BROWN

Xavier's Ranger A Team poses with ribbons after Ranger Challenge competition at Fort Knox.

other sport, and it develops you as a whole person and as a leader," said senior Luke Fischer, Ranger captain and battalion commander.

Being a Ranger becomes more of a lifestyle than a club for those involved. At many schools, students receive varsity letters for their efforts. By pushing themselves to

the limit, the Xavier Rangers accomplish things that may seem impossible to the average student.

"These kids dedicate their hearts to getting to be the best. They push themselves more than we ever could push them. We just give them guidance and let them go. This dedication is where they

reign supreme," said Capt. Hensley.

The "Ranger Challenge" competition marked the end of the fall Ranger season. So for the time being the Rangers can lay down their rucksacks and join the ranks of normal ROTC student life, but do so with the full knowledge that they are a cut above.



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WELLNESS



Couldn't We All Use... A Day of Wellness

Tuesday, November 27th, 11:00am – 3:00pm
O'Connor Sports Center

The Day of Wellness will include:

Mini-Massages • Employee Benefits • Nutrition Council • Aromatherapy
XU Student Occupational Therapy Association • Mary Kay Representatives
Scuba Diving Information • Free Blood Pressure Readings
Campus Safety and Security • Tobacco Risk Reduction Program
And much, much more

Schedule of Events:

11:00am – 3:00pm Mini-Massages
11:00am – 12:00pm Jazzercise • 12:00pm – 1:00pm Fitness Challenge
1:15pm – 1:45pm Latin Dancing (You don't need a partner)
1:30pm – 2:30pm Water Aerobics
Weight Lifting Demonstrations
(12:30pm – 1pm & 1pm – 1:30pm)

There will be FREE food, t-shirts, and prizes every half hour!!
O'Connor Sports Center will be open to everyone on November 27th

FACE IN THE CROWD

Xavier University Campus Profile

The search for knowledge

PAUL JAMES BELIEVES THERE IS NO ROOM FOR INEQUALITY WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND WE ALL HAVE DIVINE PLACES AND ROLES.

BY MELISSA A. MOSKO
News Features Editor

On any given day, you can find Paul James, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Barnes & Noble, Borders or Joseph-Beth Booksellers buried in one of his favorite authors' books.

"In order for me to be good at what I do, I have to be an active reader, an active thinker, an active learner and an active community builder," said James.

Studying the works of writers such as Malcolm X, Malidoma

Some, Patrice Lumumba and Frantz Fanon, James found a calling to work in the realm of higher learning.

"What drives me to work in the field of higher learning is the ability to want to know," he said. "I try to empower young people to understand that intellectual activity is great when it is connected to action."

James uses a quote from Malcolm X to explain how dangerous our educational systems can be today: "Colleges and universities have become skillfully used for miseducating people."

The remedy for this educational fallacy? Action.

"If you come to college and limit yourself to what you can learn in the classroom, you aren't getting a true sense of education," he said.

To combat both the problems of miseducation and misunderstanding of racial issues, James became involved in multicultural affairs work.

"People have died trying to solve the problem of race," he said. "Entire lives and careers have been dedicated to freedom, justice and

equality. The struggle continues."

One of James' tools in fighting for freedom, justice and equality on Xavier's campus is dialogue. Backed by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and other academic offices, James has begun to put together a series of discussions about race, involving faculty, staff and students.

"People always try to grow and learn in isolation," he said. "You must challenge your comfort zone and put yourself into the mix in order to come to true knowledge and understanding."

James believes young people are excellent at challenging both themselves and the people around them.

"I get excited about the marketplace of ideas and action the university offers," he said. "I like the fact that young people don't feel wedded to anything but a time and a platform."

James describes the challenge students provide him as an opportunity to further grow and learn. "They challenge me to know what I am talking about, and to not know what I am talking about," he said. "I also try to challenge my colleagues on campus, being a young, professional black male."

James' call to action is attempting to bring about a broader understanding of the racial world we live in.

"In the pursuit of being scholars, we do things in a very holistic way," he said. "We are trying to function on a paradigm that allows us to be holistic and collective in our approach to everything."

The idea of collaboration has inspired James to look beyond the

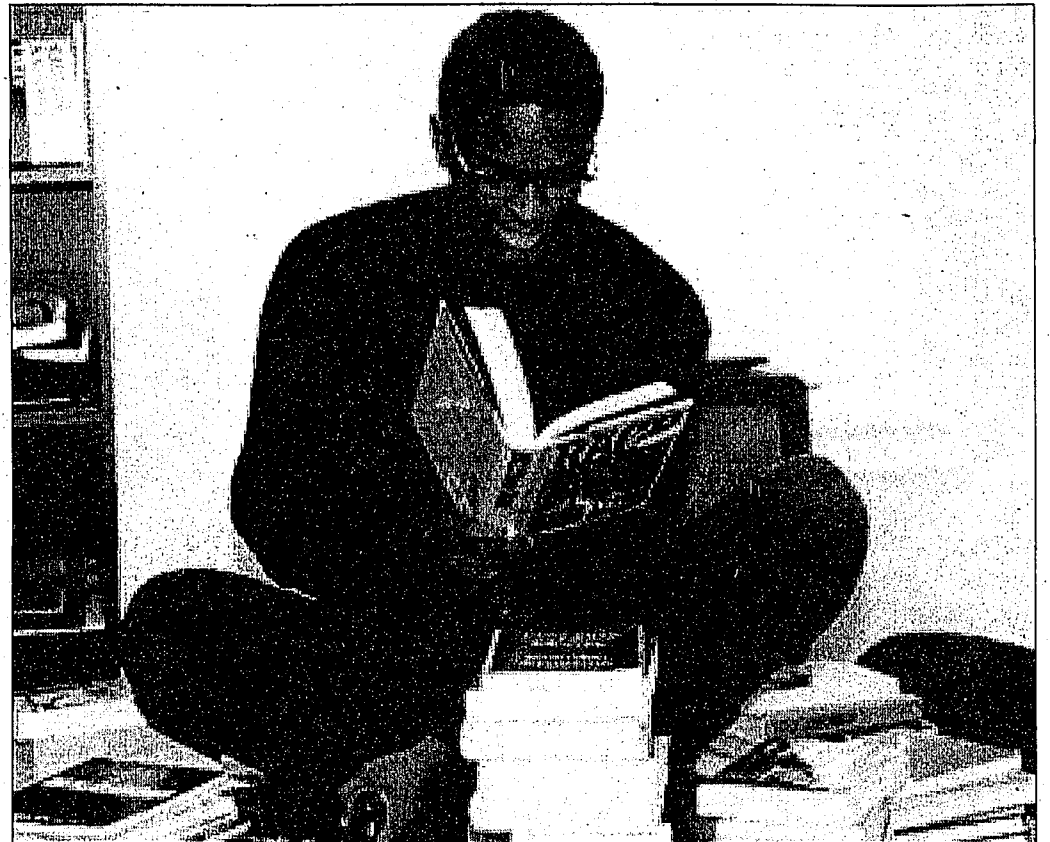
doors of OMA and reach out to everyone on campus. "No society hasn't been impacted by race," he said. "They just react differently to it."

One of James' long-term goals for OMA is to impact every segment of campus in a way that suggests the grace that should be a part of all our functions and duties.

He believes this grace affects very much the way in which we live.

On a predominantly white campus such as Xavier, this is a big challenge for James and OMA. "Our goal is to promote conversations and dialogue that are authentic, in which everyone can be who they truly are — not afraid of other people's reactions," James said. "We encourage students of color to refuse to change their outlooks and perspectives because they live on a predominately white campus."

Another of James' goals is to be a guide to all students navigating through what he calls a "complex world of decisions and opportunities."



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

Paul James, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, considers himself an avid learner. This includes a great deal of time spent reading authors such as Ivan van Satima, Runoko Rashidi, Harriet Tubman, C.J. Walker and Langston Hughes who have important messages for people of all races.

James dedicated six years of his life to a Right of Passage program that eases and contemplates the transition of a person from one phase of life to another. The focuses of this program include spirituality, education and politics — many issues students face every day.

James invites all students, faculty and staff to take time out of their lives and immerse themselves in culture in order to find true knowledge and understanding of race, freedom, justice and equality.

Joining him in this effort, the staff of Multicultural Affairs works together to create dialogues, programs and discussions that further growth and education in all parts

of campus and academic life.

Kimberly McGinnis-Hemphill acts as assistant director, Teresa Hamilton the administrative assistant, and Aiesha D. Little as a graduate assistant. Also, three student workers joined the cause of OMA this year. Tonisha Smith, Erin Haskins and Brad Lenora all give their time to facilitate growth and understanding of racial issues both on campus and in the world at large.

Together, they program in four main arenas: Latin, African, Asian and Native or Indigenous.

"Their separate histories are so critical to our understanding of them," James said.

News Features' Quote of the Week:

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— Calvin Coolidge

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Nuclear plants possible target

BY KEVIN MURPHY MARK FAZLOLLAH AND LENNY SAVINO
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — An eighth state on Thursday ordered the National Guard to protect its nuclear power plants as national and international warnings escalated about the industry's vulnerability to terrorist attacks.

Shortly before Missouri's governor dispatched the guard to two plants in his state, the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency called for more security at nuclear plants to address a "clear and present danger."

In another development Thursday, California Gov. Gray Davis revealed that there were "credible threats" to bomb the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, the Oakland Bay Bridge, the Coronado Bridge in San Diego and the Vincent Thomas Bridge in Los Angeles.

Davis said the threats were to be carried out between Nov. 2 and Nov. 7, though he provided no more details.

Law enforcement and other authorities will not say if there has been a specific threat against U.S. nuclear power plants, but they have been ratcheting up security at plants all week, adding guards and physical barriers and banning planes and boats from coming too close.

Nuclear plants increased security at their perimeters and added more guards beginning Monday, after the FBI issued an alert that another terrorist strike was likely, said Victor Dricks, a spokesman for the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission. It was the third increase in security since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Dricks would not discuss which plants may be especially vulnerable or whether some were subject to specific threats. "We've issued advisories in the past six weeks specific to (sites) where we thought security could be further supplemented," Dricks said.

On Tuesday, a day after the FBI's new terrorism alert, the FAA issued a week-long order prohibiting private planes from flying within 10 miles and below 18,000 feet of the 86 nuclear plants in the United States.

The FAA did not issue a similar order after the FBI's Oct. 11 warning that there could be another terrorist attack in the United States, indicating that officials now view nuclear plants as more likely targets.

The governors of seven other states — Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York — also have called out the National Guard to guard their nuclear plants this week.

Knight Ridder reported last week that police had questioned and released six men in the Midwest who were carrying photos and descriptions of Florida nuclear power plants, among other items. Attorney General John Ashcroft and an FBI spokesman said they did not know about that incident, and a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturaliza-



PHOTO BY DAVID P. GILKEY, DETROIT FREE PRESS

Commander Saydol of the Northern Alliance patrols the area near his trench somewhere in the mountains of northern Afghanistan.

tion Service said it did not happen.

Until Sept. 11, the NRC maintained that concrete containment domes covering the plants could withstand the impact of a commercial jetliner, but that belief was based on a 25-year-old study that contemplated a 727 airliner, not the larger carriers used in the September hijackings, Dricks said.

"We've said these plants are among the hardest and most stable structures in the United States. How-

ever, we could not rule out the possibility that a fully loaded 767 jetliner crashed into one might cause some structural damage that could release radiation," Dricks said.

Before September's attacks, some security planners never considered the danger of hijackers crashing airliners into nuclear power plants, said the director of the U.N. agency that sets worldwide standards for nuclear security for its 132 member nations, which is

based in Vienna, Austria.

"Sept. 11 presented us with a clear and present danger and a global threat that requires global action," said Mohamed ElBaradei. "We now have to actively reinforce safeguards, expand our systems for combating smuggling in nuclear material and upgrade our safety and security services."

Researchers develop new anthrax test

NEW PROCEDURE REDUCES WAIT FOR TEST RESULTS FROM SEVERAL DAYS TO ONE HOUR; FIRST UNITS BEING SHIPPED THIS WEEK

BY TOM MAJEWSKI

Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The newest weapon in the war against bioterrorism — a rapid DNA test for anthrax in both human and environmental samples — was announced Monday by researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Current anthrax testing is a multi-step process that takes several days to complete. The new Mayo DNA testing procedure cuts the wait to about an hour, officials say.

Later this week, Switzerland-based Roche Diagnostics Corp. will send about 100 test kits to two dozen labs around the country equipped with a LightCycler, a Roche instrument that is about the size of a standard coffee maker and is needed to conduct the test.

Sometime early in December, test kits will be sent to other public health agency, hospital and reference laboratories in the United States and around the world, company officials said.

Not only is the Mayo test much faster than current tests, but wide dispersal of the technology also will eliminate the time it takes to send samples to far-off labs for analysis, health experts say.

"The first thing people want to know in a case of suspected anthrax exposure is whether the agent was in fact anthrax," said Dr. Franklin Cockerill, a Mayo Clinic microbiologist who led the team that developed the test.

"This development, we feel, is significant because it brings DNA testing to the local level and will allow doctors to begin treating their patients in a timely fashion."

— Dr. Franklin Cockerill, Mayo Clinic microbiologist

"This development, we feel, is significant because it brings DNA testing to the local level and will

allow doctors to begin treating their patients in a timely fashion," Cockerill said. The test also should quickly relieve anxiety in people who were not exposed but thought they were, he added.

Cockerill said the test uses technology called polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, which has been around for more than a decade. About three years ago, Mayo researchers began using the technique to quickly identify other infectious diseases, such as strep throat and herpes simplex.

"We were looking at anthrax, but it was on the back burner," Cockerill said. "With the events of Sept. 11, we jumped into the fire. The entire team was devoted to ramping up the test."

Conventional PCR tests now take several hours to complete, plus additional time is needed to detect whether the amplified DNA is the correct DNA, Cockerill said.

"We have been working to decrease the time by compartmentalizing the procedure and speeding up the detection process. Everything now is done simultaneously."

The test works either with anthrax spores or with the vegetative form of the bacteria, he said.

All the research work was con-

ducted in the Mayo Clinic's laboratory. Once the test was perfected, the technology was turned over to Roche for mass production and distribution of the reagents needed for the process.

"We were looking at anthrax [as a possible research subject for quick detection], but it was on the back burner. With the events of Sept. 11, we jumped into the fire. The entire team was devoted to ramping up the test."

— Cockerill

The initial test kits will be free, said Juergen Flach, vice president

and general manager of Roche Molecular Biochemicals. Once the test receives FDA approval, which is expected later this year, the company will charge about the same price as other widely used tests, like the HIV test, which costs about \$50 to \$60, he said.

"People who suspect they have been exposed to anthrax should contact local law enforcement officials, who will assess the situation and take appropriate steps," Cockerill said. "These officials will investigate possible exposures and, with local laboratories, will determine whether this rapid testing is warranted. Those who are experiencing unusual, flu-like symptoms should contact their physicians."

Early detection is particularly critical in people with inhalation anthrax, the deadliest form of the disease. It begins with flu-like symptoms that quickly become severe. Unless quickly attacked with antibiotics, inhalation anthrax can kill within 48 to 72 hours after the onset of the first symptoms.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Cintas good and bad

In light of Bob Dylan's appearance at the Cintas Center this weekend, we have decided to review the performance of our campus' arena, now in its second year of existence here at XU.

To start, the Cintas Center has certainly brought in some impressive events. Besides Dylan, we have seen an NBA exhibition game, a Fastball concert as well as a law school fair. With events like these, XU's arena has definitely established itself as one of Cincinnati's top venues for sporting events and concerts.

From the beginning, the Cintas Center has attempted to fill all its available dates. Unlike a public school arena, the Cintas Center is operated to eventually earn a profit. There is no subsidizing from the government like the UC facility, so Cintas is required to go out and seek events to fill its schedule.

On the other hand, this arena has not been perfect. While Cintas has brought in some admirable events, many students have been discouraged from attending these events because of high prices. We understand the full blame cannot be placed upon the facility's shoulders. The companies who promote these events probably have the final say as to what ticket prices will be charged, but it wouldn't hurt if Cintas

tried to get us discounted tickets so we can better support a major event at our arena. Surely, there would have been a stronger showing at the Dylan concert if students could have purchased tickets at a reduced rate.

The pillaging of our clubs' budgets to rent out the conference rooms is defeating to one of the Cintas' supposed purposes: to serve the Xavier community. Allowing the university's clubs to use the conference rooms at a reduced rate would satisfy both parties.

One of the arena's biggest problems concerning the students deals with the seating for men's basketball games. Last year, the student section ushers had the unenviable task of sorting out the confusion brought about by assigned seats. A better idea would be allowing a general admission ticket to be distributed to students in the student section. As long as there are only enough tickets handed out as there are seats in these sections, there does not appear to be a problem.

Finally, the cafe food still leaves something to be desired. Some of us still remember the University Center's pathetic food, but sources tell us things still have not improved.

"It wouldn't hurt if Cintas tried to get us discounted tickets so we can better support a major event at our arena."



- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Slander and free speech at odds

We are writing in response to last week's editorial "Freedom of speech overlooked." First of all, the Xavier Alliance is in complete favor of the First Amendment. Even though some people use freedom of speech to spread their own hate, naivete and cowardice, they have that right. With that in mind, there is a distinct difference between slander and free speech.

This is a Jesuit, Catholic university which embraces the traditional Catholic moral teachings. One of Klinker's many glaring failures in his argument is about the Catholic Church's stance on homosexuality. Instinctively and blindly accepting conventional notions is just the kind of provincial attitude that divides people by inherent differences. Please refer to the many sources the Catholic Church has issued about homosexuality: The Catechism of the Catholic Church, The American Bishops' letter "Always Our Children" and the Xavier University Welcome Statement for Gays and Lesbians.

We cannot believe Klinker uses humor to explain why these posters shouldn't offend people. Does Klinker even know what the posters said? Did Klinker presume the posters were humorous and not offensive or did he ask the members of the Alliance if they experienced

the posters as offensive? These posters were put up to directly offend, insult and harass members of the Xavier Alliance and Xavier community.

Imagine a group of students putting anti-civil rights or anti-feminist posters around Alter Hall. There would be a lot more than just a couple editorials and a police complaint. No one would be laughing.

"Not all homosexual students and their allies feel comfortable going to a meeting or an event."

Klinker says, "I suggest you take your week of education a bit more seriously." Contrary to what Klinker wrote, during "Coming Out Week," Brockman Hall Director Angie Kneflin coordinated two "Safe Zone" workshops for both students and faculty. There were over 50 students at one workshop.

Two weeks ago, Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, spoke to a crowd of 800 on how to treat all people equally and how to motivate

others to do so. We have had open, educational meetings twice a month since the beginning of school and held a panel discussion on race and homosexuality over a month ago. We are doing our part.

The Xavier Alliance has social events, such as a movie night and the Kool-Aid stand on the academic mall to broaden the awareness of our club on campus. Anyone who has seen the movie Klinker referred to knows it has nothing to do with men who want to be cheerleaders. "But, I'm a Cheerleader" deals with a woman coming to terms with her own sexuality. Not all homosexual students and their allies feel comfortable going to a meeting or an event, but it helps them to know there is a group of supportive students they can go to if they are ever inclined.

Klinker states, "Two wrongs don't make a right," insinuating that the Xavier Alliance had some sort of guilt in anti-gay posters being put up in Alter Hall. There was only one wrong in this situation and that was the action taken by one or more bigoted and ignorant Xavier students who thought it was humorous to put hateful posters around Alter Hall.

— Xavier Alliance

Gospel Choir sings God's praise

How many of you have attended a Xavier University Gospel Choir event?

This year, under the direction of Howard Clay Jr. and Jerome Johnson Jr. XUGC is back and in full force, with this year's goal: To spread the love of Christ, and this dedication to God, to self and to choir. We are one group on campus that is trying to make Xavier a better place.

As a group, we want to revive this campus, and have taken strides to do so by singing for Fr. Graham's inauguration celebration, the Fine Arts Sampler and the fifth annual Inner City Lopus Support Group Gospel Fest. Our upcoming performances include singing for Union

Baptist on Nov. 11, Christmas carols on the mall on Dec. 3, the Kwanza Celebration on Dec. 6 and the annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 8.

Our choir is on a spiritual journey with one another and each of us has been called to our ministry in the Gospel Choir for a reason. We are working to develop harmony and support within our group of 30 young men and women.

This is my first year in the Gospel Choir, but I already consider myself blessed for the experience. I look forward to practice on Thursday nights all week long, and I always leave feeling refreshed and confident in everything I have accomplished. We begin practice each

week with a Bible study, in which Clay reads a Gospel scripture and then speaks about its relevance in study. This aids us in our ministry to each other, other students and the city as a whole.

We minister through prayer, example and performance. We intend to take this ministry a step further next semester with our spring tour to other cities and states. We want to be heard as much as we can, because in doing so, we spread the message of Christ.

That said, I hope we can touch your life this year. God Bless!

— Katie Newman
Class of '03

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- LIBRARY TALK -

What kind of underwear are you wearing?



"None at all."

— Luke Guy
Senior

"Only a select few will ever know."

— Puja Srivastava
Sophomore

"Victoria's Secret."

— Colleen Hunt
Freshman

"Grinches and hearts."

— Medical
Senior

"I'm free-balling."

— Brian Gareau
Senior

"Plaid boxers."

— Jon Bachmeyer
Junior

"I'm wearing Jon Bachmeyer's underwear."

— Rob Kaiser
Junior

"Small underwear."

— Katie Barkley
Junior

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Our perfect world

"Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you," (Matthew 7: 1-2).

I find it interesting that we are so quick to make judgments on the sexual orientations of others. The last time I looked into the mirror, I wasn't God.

But I am forced to wonder if

sometimes people on this campus are under the illusion that they are, or that they can speak for Him. I am speaking of that anti-homosexual sentiment that has be-

come evident on our campus in the form of hateful posters and articles in *The Newswire*.

Richard J. Klinker wrote a response last week to the outcry against the anti-Alliance posters that were placed on our campus. Klinker wrote, "perhaps it is time we as a community become a little more thick-skinned," and that "this entire issue seems a bit petty to me."

In light of Judy Shepard's visit, mother of Matthew Shepard, I find these very bold comments to make. Was the issue of anti-gay beliefs "petty" to Matthew Shepard as he lay beaten in the middle of a field, tied to a fence, wondering which breath would be his last? Could he have withstood the beating he took if he were a little more "thick-skinned"? Murder finds its roots in the party jokes, in the offensive slang and in the public display of hatred.

It was stated that no crime was committed in hanging these posters. After all, the students who hung these posters are protected under the First Amendment rights, and that makes everything OK.

Therefore, it must be OK for students to take these posters and hang them in their rooms because they find the content to be humorous. I ask you, was there no

crime committed? Jesus says the second greatest commandment is that "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). What love

was being spread from neighbor to neighbor by hanging up these signs? I have had enough of people who hide messages of hate under the cloak of freedom of speech.

People at Xavier try and live in a "perfect little world." Why not? God must see the potential; otherwise, He would not have given us His only son. I don't think Christ would have accepted people's ignorance and hatred as just a natural part of life. Instead, He would stretch out His arms on the cross and give His life to prove these people wrong. I guess all that I can do is sit in my perfect little world, and pray for all people who share the same beliefs as Klinker.

— Jim Elfers
Class of '02

Sodexho denies chance for union

A recent National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) decision, Sodexho-Marriott Services, 335 NLRB No. 43 (Aug. 27, 2001) illustrates exactly why Sodexho workers at Xavier University cannot rely on the NLRB election process.

The Labor Board found that Sodexho-Marriott, the predecessor of Sodexho, illegally fired six workers for their union activity during an NLRB election campaign in March 1998 at the Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich. The Labor Board upheld and expanded a December 1998 decision by administrative law Judge Bruce D. Rosenstein.

The Labor Board also upheld Rosenstein's finding that Sodexho-Marriott committed numerous other violations, including threatening pro-union workers with loss of benefits, interrogating employees about their union activity and promising promotions and raises if employees stopped supporting the union.

Workers at the Botsford Hospital began their organizing campaign with SEIU Local 79 in 1997. In early February of 1998 they filed for an NLRB election, which was scheduled for March 11 and 12. During that time, the Labor Board found that Sodexho-Marriott illegally fired six union supporters.

The official vote was 62 for the union and 66 against the union. The six employees who were illegally fired voted, but their votes were sealed and not counted.

The Labor Board ordered Sodexho to offer the six fired workers their jobs back and compensate them for any lost wages during the three years that the case had been litigated. The board also ordered that their six votes, which had remained sealed for three years, be unsealed and counted.

Rather than comply with this order, Sodexho has appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals. The six fired workers have not been reinstated and their votes remain sealed. Botsford workers, who have already waited three years, will have to wait even longer to find out if the six contested votes will ever be counted.

Unfortunately, the Botsford Hospital case is not an isolated incident. For more information about Labor Board proceedings against Sodexho-Marriott and its predecessor Marriott Management Services, see www.eyconsodexho.org.

Sodexho has also engaged in countless anti-union tactics that have not been subject to litigation. In fact, some of those tactics, described in Sodexho-Marriott's infamous "Union Avoidance Manual" for managers, are perfectly legal, even if inherently anti-

"The Labor Board found that Sodexho-Marriott, the predecessor of Sodexho, illegally fired six workers for their union activity."

democratic.

The one thing all of these tactics — the legal ones and the illegal ones — have in common is that they are only effective in the context of an NLRB-supervised election.

As the Botsford case illustrates, NLRB elections, characterized by intense anti-union campaigns, are not like other types of elections. Employers like Sodexho hold great coercive power over their employees; namely the power to deprive a person of his or her livelihood. This imbalance of power is unparalleled in any other type of elections in our society.

Even if the employer does not expressly threaten employees with adverse consequences if they support the union, employees cannot help but be aware of this possibility any time an employer intervenes to prevent its workers from organizing. If a majority of the employees manage to withstand the traumatizing employer campaign and vote for the union, the employer can simply appeal the results indefinitely.

The only way to ensure that workers truly have an opportunity to decide for themselves in a timely way and in an atmosphere free of intimidation and coercion is to insist that employers like Sodexho sign written neutrality agreements with the union.

Under this increasingly common method, also known as the "Right to Organize" neutrality agreement, the employer remains neutral and the workers sign authorization cards indicating whether they support the union. The employer only agrees to recognize the union if a third party verifies that a majority of all employees have signed cards. This is the very method by which hundreds of thousands of low-wage service workers have won union representation rights in recent years.

A recent study published in the *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* found that such agreements significantly reduce the likelihood of illegal employer tactics such as those employed by Sodexho-Marriott at Botsford Hospital. The authors found that the agreements "reduced the use of illegal tactics such as discharges and promises of benefits, as well as the supervisory one-on-one campaigns that are destructive of relationships and emotionally traumatizing. These findings would appear to bolster the case for card check as public policy."

In other words, if the Botsford Hospital had insisted three years ago that its subcontractors enter into card-check neutrality agreements, it is highly unlikely that six workers would have been illegally discharged, workers would have been subjected to numerous high-pressure anti-union tactics — legal and illegal — and that workers would still be waiting three years later to find out whether or not they had won the right to have a union.

Let's not make the same mistake Botsford made. If we really respect the rights of food service workers to make up their own minds about the important question of unionization, we should insist that Sodexho sign a neutrality agreement with the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union, Local 12.

— Ryan Nissim-Sabat
Union Organizer

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X-treme Fans road trip

The X-treme Fans club is sponsoring a road trip for the men's basketball game against Miami University in Oxford on Nov. 28.

Tickets are \$14 and include busing to and from Oxford. There are a limited number of seats available. Buses will leave the Cintas Center at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending the game can reserve a seat by paying for their ticket this Friday night at the X-treme Fans table at the men's basketball game.

Those seeking more information can e-mail their questions to xtremefans@hotmail.com.

XU Hall to induct three members

On Nov. 16 Xavier will induct three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame at the Cintas Center.

The 2001 induction class will include former volleyball star and coach Jodi Thelen Fahey, former basketball standout Jamie Gladden and football star Jim Liber.

Thelen Fahey was a three-year letterwinner in volleyball who later served as head coach. She earned First Team All-North Star Conference honors as a freshman setter in 1983, leading the Musketeers to a 28-12 record.

The next season she was named the conference's regular season and tournament Most Valuable Player. After taking time off to start a family, she returned in 1986 to again win first team honors. Two years later, Thelen Fahey took over the reigns as XU head coach, a position she held for two seasons.

Gladden ranks fifth in all-time scoring and led XU in scoring his sophomore and junior years before finishing second as a senior. He was a member of the XU team which advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1990.

From 1991-93, Gladden was a three-time All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference First Team selection.

Liber lettered for three years in football. In 1947, Liber finished second on the team in rushing before leading the team in that category in 1948.

Liber was a member of XU's 1949 team that finished 10-1, including a victory over Arizona State in the 1950 Salad Bowl.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Duff Banquet Center. The dinner and program will start at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Call 745-3337 for reservation information.

Soccer upsets UMass

Limburg's hat trick leads Muskies to thrilling OT win

BY MATT MILLER
Sports Editor

On Friday and Sunday, XU battled against the top two teams in the conference as Rhode Island and UMass fought for seeding in the upcoming postseason tournament at Dayton.

The Muskies closed their season in style this past weekend while playing the role of spoiler against UMass.

RHODE ISLAND 2, XAVIER 0

Xavier's three game winning streak came to halt on Friday as No. 16 Rhode Island shut down the Muskie attack with a 2-0 blanking.

XU played well early, holding the Rams scoreless in the first half. The defense didn't hold up after halftime, though, as the Rams struck for two second-half goals.

In the 52nd minute, URI scored off a free kick from 25 yards out and added a second goal 10 minutes later on a header off a corner kick.

XU's offense put together a strong effort, outshooting the Rams 9-6 for the match. Freshman Tiest Sondaal was involved in two near misses for Xavier.

In the first half, a Sondaal blast was headed out of goal by a Ram defender. Later in the match, Sondaal's shot nailed the crossbar and bounced away.

Freshman David Jones, making his first collegiate start, finished with two saves.

XAVIER 4, UMASS 3 (OT)

The Muskies clearly saved their most exciting game for their final match of the season as seniors Rob Bakker and Dan Limburg made this a Senior Day to remember.

With a win, Massachusetts had the opportunity to wrap up the second seed for next weekend's conference tournament at UD.

UMass was in a foul mood after their nine-match winning streak was snapped in a 1-0 loss to the Flyers on Friday night.

The Muskies jumped all over UMass with a pair of early goals.

Senior Sam Fiore headed in a goal in the game's sixth minute off a corner kick from Bakker.

Limburg then took over the scoring for the Muskies, blasting home a goal a minute later. Bakker was once again involved, as his free kick from the side came to senior Mike Kelley, who played the ball to Limburg.

Limburg's score gave X a 2-0 lead over the stunned Minutemen. UMass recovered quickly, though, scoring on a breakaway goal four minutes later to cut the deficit to one.

The scoring subsided briefly as the defenses tightened and the game began to get more physical.

Later in the half, the Bakker-Limburg connection was at it again as the seniors hooked up for the second straight time.

Bakker's corner kick found Limburg, who slammed it home in the 28th minute to give the Muskies a commanding 3-1 lead heading into halftime.

Bakker's three assists tied a school record he already held with two XU alums. His total now stands at a team-leading 10 assists.

In the 53rd minute, UMass capitalized on a turnover by freshman goalie Brian Schaeper, making his first appearance since picking up a red card in XU's overtime win over St. Joseph's.

The game's physical nature continued as Bakker, Sondaal and sophomore Jared McCarthy were all



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

Senior Dan Limburg led the Muskies to an overtime upset of UMass with a hat trick in the season's final game. With those three goals, Limburg became XU's top goal scorer of the season.

assessed yellow cards for their rough play. XU out-fouled UMass 14-4 in the second half and held a 26-13 advantage for the game.

In the 78th minute, UMass picked up some momentum with a game-tying free kick from just outside the box.

After outshooting UMass 5-3 in the first half, the Muskies were outshot 5-4 in the second half as the Minutemen gained control of the offensive end.

The rest of regulation was scoreless as XU headed to its fourth overtime match of the season. Their record to this point was 1-1-1.

Just two minutes into overtime, senior Logan Wallace, a late second-half substitute, stole a pass from the UMass goalie and raced down the side. He then played a low cross to Limburg, who finished

off the Minutemen with the first hat trick of his career in his final game at Xavier.

Limburg's three goals gives him six on the season. After not scoring a goal in his first three seasons as a Muskie, Limburg led the team in goals scored this season. The season started off slowly for the senior as he struggled to find a spot in head coach Jack Hermans' rotation, but since gaining more playing time, Limburg has taken full advantage.

With the XU upset, the Minutemen fell to third place in the final A-10 standings. They will face Dayton in the first round of the A-10 tournament next weekend.

XU finishes the season with an overall record of 7-11-1, 5-6 in the A-10, while winning five of their last seven matches.

A-10 MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

Rhode Island*	9-2
Dayton*	8-2-1
Massachusetts*	8-3
Richmond*	8-3
G. Washington	6-5
Xavier	5-6
St. Joseph's	4-5-2
La Salle	4-6-1
Duquesne	4-7
Fordham	3-8
Temple	3-8
St. Bonaventure	2-9

* indicates tournament qualifier



On Tap

Friday, Nov. 9

• Rifle hosts Walsh Rifle Match at noon

• Women's soccer vs. Dayton in A-10 Championships (Kingston, R.I.) at 5:30 p.m.

• Men's basketball vs. Marathon at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

• Rifle hosts Walsh Rifle Match at 8 a.m.

• Cross Country at NCAA Great Lakes Regional (Terre Haute, Ind.) at 11 a.m.

• Swimming vs. Bowling Green at St. Xavier HS at 2 p.m.

• Women's basketball vs. Reebok Lady Stars at 2 p.m.

• Volleyball vs. George Washington at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11

• Rifle hosts Walsh Rifle Match at 8 a.m.

• Volleyball vs. Dayton at 4 p.m.

• Women's soccer at A-10 Championships

Home basketball games take place at Cintas Center.

Home volleyball matches take place at Cintas Center

Home rifle matches take place at Walsh Range in Armory.

Home games are in bold.

GAME of the WEEK

VOLLEYBALL VS DAYTON
Sunday, Nov. 11 at 4 p.m.
at the Cintas Center

On Sunday, the volleyball team will take on Dayton in a key A-10 matchup and more importantly, it's Senior Day. This year's class features Sara Bachus, Amanda Lang, Anna Yasuhara, Jill Hampton and Angela Rohling. Get to the Cintas Center to say goodbye to the five seniors and to watch XU take care of UD.

Volleyball wins a pair in Philly

Muskies rebound from loss at DU, look forward to match with UD

BY ANDREW BROWN
Sports Writer

The volleyball team recovered quickly from a heart-breaking loss to Duquesne last Tuesday as it stormed past La Salle and Temple.

With the wins, Xavier improved its record to 21-3, with all three losses coming in conference play against 11 A-10 wins. XU also clinched its fourth straight appearance in the Atlantic 10 playoffs with the four-game win over Temple.

DUQUESNE DEF. XAVIER
26-30, 30-26, 30-24,
27-30, 15-7

XU was on a nice roll, having won 11 consecutive matches and climbing to the 36th position in the AVCA/USA Today Division I volleyball poll. Unfortunately, the team Xavier defeated earlier in the season to begin its 11 match win streak ended it with a tight five-game match.

Senior Sara Bachus led Xavier with 24 kills while adding 15 digs and four blocks.

Freshman Molly Martin had 64 assists for her second highest total of her career. She also recorded 10 digs and eight kills.

Defensively, Xavier was led by a career-high 26 digs from senior Amanda Lang and 23 by classmate Jill Hampton as well as the third straight match of six blocks by sophomore Andrea Meyer.

However, Duquesne countered with an impressive effort of 24 kills and 15 digs by Sherene Lemonias,

21 digs by Stephanie Steele and 69 assists from Sarah Brown.

The deciding fifth game was dominated by the Dukes, who out-hit the Musketeers .438 to .125 in that final game. Also contributing to the loss was Xavier's poor serving. XU committed 12 service errors to Duquesne's six.

A-10 VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Dayton	12-1
Xavier	11-3
Rhode Island	10-4
Duquesne	8-5
Temple	7-6
Massachusetts	7-8
G. Washington	5-8
Fordham	1-12
La Salle	0-14

XAVIER DEF. LA SALLE

30-23, 30-26, 30-24

Xavier had four players with at least 10 kills as they defeated La Salle 3-0 to complete a season sweep of the Explorers.

The two wins this season added to Xavier's dominance over La Salle since joining the A-10 as XU now holds a 17-0 advantage throughout all-time meetings.

XU convincingly out-hit the Explorers .355 to .182.

The visiting Musketeers were led by 14 kills and 11 digs from Hampton. Bachus, Lang and sophomore Kim Cockerel also each had double-digit kills. Bachus and Lang each had 11 kills. Cockerel hit .571 for

the match by connecting for 10 kills in only 14 attempts with two errors.

Martin led all players with 40 assists while also recording a team-high 12 digs.

La Salle (9-20, 0-13 A-10) was led by Lauren Woods (13 kills) and Lindsay Viehmann (10 kills, five digs).

XAVIER DEF. TEMPLE

30-20, 30-32, 30-23, 33-31

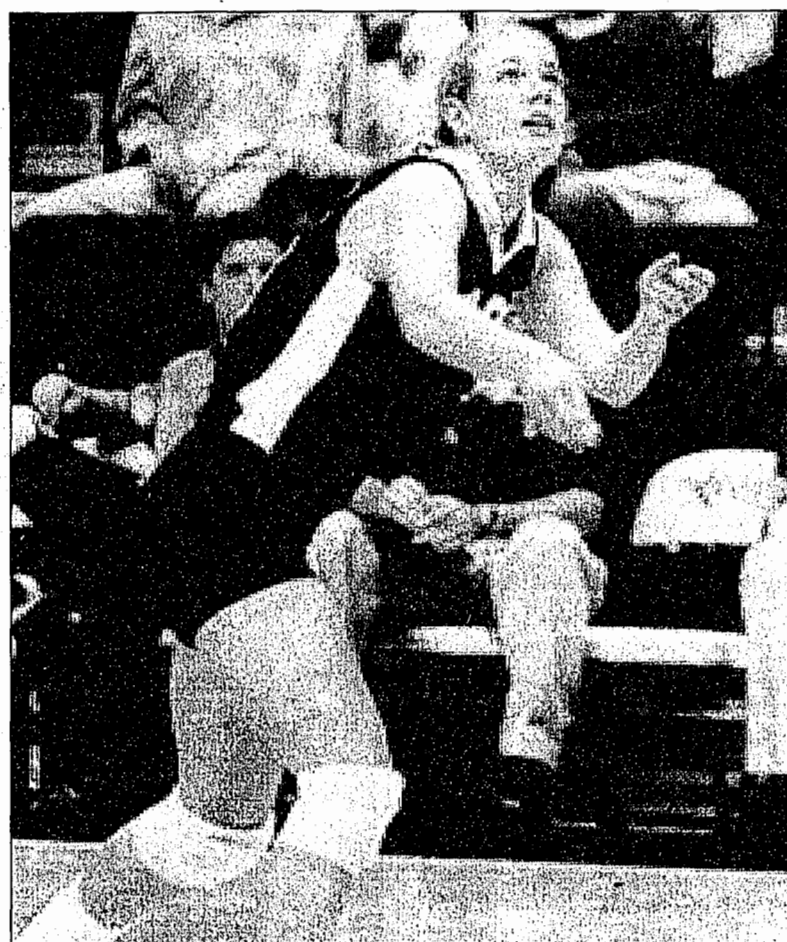
The volleyball team clinched its fourth Atlantic 10 playoff spot in as many years as they fought their way to a 3-1 win at Temple on Saturday. Xavier is currently in second place in the Atlantic 10, three games ahead of fifth-place Temple (16-9, 7-6 A-10) in the four team race for the A-10 Tournament.

Bachus led the way with 25 kills and a .489 hitting percentage for XU. On the defensive end, she added 11 digs and five blocks.

Hampton had a solid performance of her own with 21 digs and 18 kills. Lang was the third Musketeer to record a double-double with 12 kills in 23 swings and 16 digs to go along with four blocks.

Martin led XU to a .337-.195 edge over the Owls in hitting percentage with 64 assists. She also had 14 digs and a block.

Homestanding Temple was led by 20 kills from Shu Liu, 16 kills and 18 digs by Yamit Haba and a 52-assist, 13-dig perfor-



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BRIAN ANGOLIA

Senior Jill Hampton played a key role in the Muskies' successful weekend. XU enters the final weekend of regular season play just two losses behind Dayton.

In a match that was evenly played for the most part, the deciding factor was errors. XU committed only 15 errors compared to 36 by the Owls.

MARTIN HONORED

Martin was awarded her third straight Atlantic 10 Rookie-of-the-

Week honor and fifth total this season. This past week Martin led XU to two wins and a berth in the A-10 Championships for the team's fourth straight year. She had 64 assists against both Duquesne and Temple while raising her A-10 leading average to 13.87 assists per game, fourth best in NCAA Division I.

Women qualify for tourney

Double overtime victory over UMass clinches spot in A-10 Championship

BY SEAN O'BRIEN
Asst. Sports Editor

After losing five of their first six games to begin their season, it appeared as though the women's soccer team was in for a long year. However, similar to last year's Atlantic 10 championship team, the Musketeers have turned things around in the second half of their season.

After winning five games in a row, Xavier found themselves in a three-way tie for third place and a chance to advance to the A-10 Championships if they could win one of two games this past weekend.

In two games that combined for over 237+ minutes of soccer, the Musketeers came away with a 0-0 tie against Rhode Island and a 2-1 overtime victory over UMass. Xavier now has gone seven games without losing.

With their win over the Minutewomen, Xavier became one of the four teams to advance to the A-10 Conference Tournament this weekend at Rhode Island and will look to defend their A-10 title.

XAVIER 0, RHODE ISLAND 0

Xavier traveled to Rhode Island

in hopes of returning there within a week to participate in the A-10 Conference Tournament. The Rams entered the crucial game with a 5-3-1 record and an outside chance of making the post-season.

The game was like so many of Xavier's games this season. The two teams played two scoreless halves of soccer and headed to overtime to decide a winner. Except, after two 15-minute sudden-death overtime periods the score was still tied.

Junior goalkeeper Megan Veith was to thank for securing the tie for the Musketeers. The junior made eight saves in the 120 minutes of scoreless soccer. The tie kept Xavier's A-10 Tournament hopes alive.

The tie brought Xavier's record to 8-7-1 and 6-3-1.

XAVIER 2, UMASS 1 (2OT)

The final conference game of the season for Xavier was what one would call the ultimate must-win situation. The winner advances to the A-10 Championships and the loser goes home for the winter. The Musketeers won in thrilling fashion, allowing them the chance to defend their A-10 title.

UMass wasted little time in showing that they were serious about keeping their season alive. The Minutewomen scored the game's first goal just 34 seconds into the game.

This is how the score stood for the remainder of the first half and the majority of the second. With less than five minutes to play it looked as though Xavier's season and recent hot streak would finally come to an end.

Two more minutes ticked off the clock and with less than three minutes to play Xavier senior Margaret Broe decided that she wasn't ready for her career at Xavier to end.

In the 87th minute the senior beat the UMass keeper after a scramble in front of the net and tied the game at 1-1 with a little over two minutes to play.

For the second consecutive game in which the Musketeers needed a win to advance, the game went into overtime. The first 15-minute period was more of the same even brand soccer that took place all day long. The second overtime period was winding down, as was Xavier's season

when sophomore Tracy Kennedy answered the call.

With 3:06 to play in the second overtime and the game looking like it was going to end in a tie, which would've eliminated the Musketeers, Kennedy put in the game winner off of an assist from senior Lauren Garber. It was Kennedy's first goal of the season.

The win improved Xavier's record to 9-7-1 and 7-3-1 and advanced them to this weekend's A-10 Championships.

KENNEDY HONORED

Kennedy was tabbed as the A-10 Player-of-the-Week for her game-winning goal against UMass on Sunday. Kennedy's goal secured Xavier's opportunity to defend their A-10 Conference Tournament Championship this weekend. Her clutch goal was her first of the season.

A-10 TOURNAMENT

Xavier earned the fourth seed in this weekend's A-10 Championships at Rhode Island. The Musketeers will begin their title defense against No. 1 seeded Dayton (11-0) on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The XU/UD winner will face the winner of the La Salle/Richmond game on Sunday. The winner of that game will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

A-10 WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

Dayton*	11-0
Massachusetts*	7-4
Xavier *	7-3-1
Richmond*	8-3
La Salle	8-3
Rhode Island	5-4-2
G. Washington	5-6
St. Joseph's	2-7-2
Duquesne	3-6-2
Fordham	4-7
Temple	1-9-1
St. Bonaventure	1-10

* indicates tournament qualifier

Men lead off with 75-67 win

Late XU rally saves Muskies in Matta's Xavier coaching debut

BY JOE ANGOLIA

Editor-in-Chief

As far as first impressions go, the Thad Matta era didn't exactly start off with a bang. The men's basketball team trailed for much of the first half and rallied late in the game to earn a 75-67 win over the EA Sports All-Stars on Friday.

"Offensively, I thought we looked like a team with a lot of young players, a new coach and a new system," said Matta.

In their first exhibition game of the year, the Xmen looked out of sync for most of the game and struggled to find a rhythm. Despite being little more than a glorified pick-up game, a stronger showing against a weak opponent would have instilled more confidence for the upcoming season.

"Tonight we showed we have a lot of things we need to iron out, both defensively and offensively," said junior David West.

The Musketeers trailed for the first 15 minutes of the game and found themselves down 61-53 with over seven minutes left to go in the second half. In both instances, though, the Xmen turned up the defensive pressure and made strong runs to take control of the game.

Junior Lionel Chalmers gave XU its first lead of the game when he penetrated for an easy lay-in to put the Muskies ahead 28-27. Chalmers' basket was part of a 15-0 Xavier run, giving them a 35-27 advantage.

Xavier closed out the first half



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BRIAN ANGOLIA

Junior point guard Lionel Chalmers scored 17 points while handing out six assists in the Muskies' win over EA Sports.

with a 19-3 run and found themselves on top, 39-30, at the half despite solid outside shooting from

the All-Stars. Led by Jermain Willform's 13 points, including 3-5 from downtown, EA Sports came

out hot early on but managed just 12-36 field goal attempts by the intermission. Chalmers paced the Musketeers' first-half efforts with 11 points.

Xavier enjoyed its biggest lead of the night following a three-pointer from senior Kevin Frey, which put XU ahead 43-30. EA got a boost from Jeff Parris who kept them alive with 10 points, including an alley-oop, which ignited a 17-2 run for the All-Stars.

Parris continued to plague the Musketeers, putting EA up 61-53 following a put back and a three-pointer. The Xmen used a quick 7-0 run, thanks to a Chalmers' lay-in, a three-pointer from junior David Young and two free throws from sophomore Romain Sato to jump back into the game.

A trey from Sato put the Muskies up for good, 63-62. West put the finishing touches on the game with five points over the last several minutes.

Though they may have lacked rhythm, the Musketeers weren't short on balance. The Xmen received double-digit scoring efforts from four starters, led by West's 20-point effort.

The reigning Atlantic 10 Player-of-the-Year came to life in the second half to keep XU in the game. West added game-highs of 12 rebounds and four blocks.

Aside from a rough shooting night (6-14 and 0-5 from outside

the arc), Chalmers looked strong in his first game as Xavier's starting point guard. Chalmers attacked the basket all night long to the tune of 17 points. His decision making was also impressive as he dished out six assists with just two turnovers.

Frey and Sato contributed 11 points each, while Young finished with nine.

Things should look up from here as the Xmen will continue to become more comfortable with the new system.

"We're not real fluent yet in what we are trying to do offensively and that will take some time," said Matta.

The rust will wear off soon enough, but a few questions were left unanswered following Friday's game. The most prominent being what to expect from the bench.

None of the newcomers made their presence felt in the exhibition. With the close score limiting their playing time, the verdict is still out on their ability. Freshman Keith Jackson saw the most time out of the newcomers, recording 11 minutes of action while grabbing four rebounds. Senior Alvin Brown, the most experienced reserve, scored four points in 13 minutes of action.

XU closes out the exhibition season this Friday when they host Marathon at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully a more polished squad will offer a blowout and give the newcomers some much-needed experience.

Women drop opener

BY MATT MILLER

Sports Editor

The women's basketball team struggled in an exhibition game against Athletes in Action last Friday, losing 74-67.

AIA, a collection of former college players, defeated XU with a .469 field-goal percentage and a 40-33 rebounding edge.

AIA was led by 2000 Arkansas grad Karyn Karlin, who finished with a game-high 27 points on 11-12 shooting.

Senior Shavon Bell and sophomore Aida Sarajlija played well in their first collegiate starts. Sarajlija shot an efficient 7-9 from the field to finish with a team-high 17 points. Bell's 15 points, which included three treys, helped pace the guard play for Xavier.

Junior guards Amy Waugh and Reetta Piipari struggled from the field, shooting a combined 5-23. Waugh was able to hand out 10 assists to go with her 10 points.

With a roster of five freshman, coach Melanie Balcomb was able to use this game to get a look at her newcomers. Freshman guard Ashleigh Cuncic played 17 minutes, scoring three points and grabbing three boards, while first-year forward Alexis Henderson, in 14 minutes, scored four points. Both

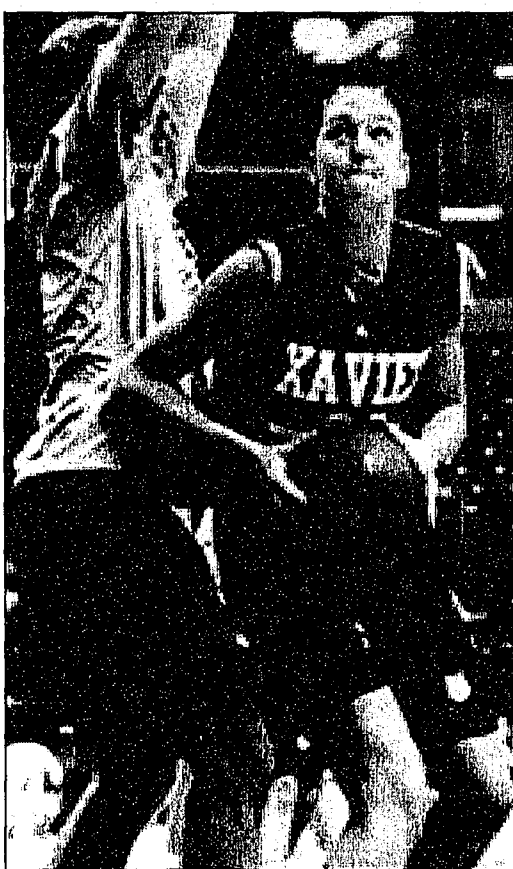
women appear to be the front-runners for playing time off Balcomb's bench.

XU held a slim 37-34 at halftime despite AIA's .520 field-goal percentage.

AIA took control in the second half, including a 10-2 run when Balcomb inserted four freshmen into the lineup with Waugh. The freshmen looked tentative and the offense struggled to get good looks at the hoop.

At the end of this run, the starting lineup returned and put together a small 6-2 run to pull within 63-58. XU could not pull any closer, though, as the women fell by seven.

The women will have their final tune-up before the regular season this Saturday against the Reebok Lady Stars at 2 p.m. in the Cintas Center. The Lady Stars are led by Purdue alum Katie Douglas, who helped eliminate the Muskies in last year's Elite Eight.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

In her first start, sophomore forward Aida Sarajlija led the XU attack with 17 points and five rebounds.

The women begin their regular season on Friday, Nov. 16 at Indiana State. Their home opener is Monday, Nov. 19 against Akron.

XU picked first

In a polling of the league's media and coaches on Monday, Xavier was the clear preseason choice as the Atlantic 10's West Division champs.

The Muskies received 41 of a possible 48 first-place votes for the top spot. Dayton received the other seven votes. St. Joe's was

the unanimous selection in the East.

Also announced were the league's preseason all-conference teams. XU junior David West, sophomore Romain Sato and freshman Keith Jackson were each named to an all-conference team.

A-10 PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EAST DIVISION

St. Joseph's
Temple
Massachusetts
Fordham
St. Bonaventure
Rhode Island

WEST DIVISION

Xavier
Dayton
Richmond
La Salle
George Washington
Duquesne

A-10 PRE-SEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Rasual Butler, La Salle, SR
Lynn Greer, Temple, SR
Jameer Nelson, St. Joe's, SO
Marvin O'Connor, St. Joe's, SR
David West, Xavier, JR

SECOND TEAM

J.R. Bremer, St. Bonaventure, SR
Kevin Lyde, Temple, SR
Chris Monroe, George Wash., JR
Bill Phillips, St. Joe's, SR
Kitwana Rhymer, UMass, SR

THIRD TEAM

Brooks Hall, Dayton, JR
Jeff McMillan, Fordham, SO
Romain Sato, Xavier, SO
Wayne Smith, Duquesne, SR
Keith Waleskowski, Dayton, SO

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Tamal Forchion, George Wash.
Keith Jackson, Xavier
Simplice Njoya, Duquesne
Adrian Walton, Fordham
Delonte West, St. Joe's

ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Lynn Greer, Temple, SR
Kevin Lyde, Temple, SR
Jameer Nelson, St. Joe's, SO
Kitwana Rhymer, UMass, SR
David West, Xavier, JR

Men sweep, women split in meet

BY STEVE METZGER

Sports Writer

Coming off their impressive performance against Eastern Illinois, the Muskies ventured to Louisville on Friday night to take on the Cardinals and St. Louis University in a dual meet.

Excluding the diving results since Xavier does not have a diving team, the Aqua-Muskies fared well this weekend with the men beating both the Cardinals and the Billikens. The women came away with a split beating St. Louis, but falling to Louisville.

The women placed high in all the events. Junior Erin Dunn took first in the 50-yard freestyle. The Muskies also took first in the 100-yard free with sophomore Angie Hinrichs swimming a good time of 54.93 seconds.

Freshmen Becky Faust and Kristy Ulrich won first and second place, respectively, in the 200 yard individual medley. In the last event of the day, the 4x100-yard freestyle relay team composed of Hinrichs, freshman Janet Heil, sophomore Molly Moeller and anchor, sophomore Heather Greidanus finished first.

The men also did very well. Senior Geoff Brown took first in the grueling 1650-yard freestyle. Sophomore John Janszan and

freshman Matt Young took first and second place, respectively, in the 200-yard backstroke.

In the 200-yard breaststroke, sophomore Jeremy Clark swam to a first-place finish. In another physically grueling event, sophomore Mike Rodecker finished first in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Muskies again went first and second in the 200 individual medley with Young and Clark, respectively. Finally, the men took the 4x100 freestyle relay with a team of Brown, sophomore Kevin Harman, freshman John Krieger and anchorman sophomore John Geisen.

Without the diving results, the men won with a final score of 62-60 against Louisville and 90-48 against St. Louis.

The women fought to a final score of 60-66 vs. Louisville and coasted to a 93-45 victory over the Billikens. As junior Claire Beimesch said, "We swam very well in these first two meets."

With each team possessing a record of 2-1, Xavier hosts their last meet of the season against Bowling Green on Saturday at St. Xavier High School at 2 p.m. This meet will also include a recognition of the seniors as it is their last home meet.

Golf teams finish fall in Clarksville

BY BRETT BALLINGER

Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's golf teams traveled to Clarksville, Tenn. on Oct. 29-30 to participate in the Precept Intercollegiate tournament.

The two teams combined to have the lowest score of any other school participating in the tournament. The women's team finished second and the men's team came in third.

The combined overall score of 1,258 gave them the overall first-place finish by 12 strokes over the host school Austin Peay University.

The women's team finished second in the tournament for their best finish of their fall season. Freshman Abby Fowler led the way for the Lady Muskies by shooting an 81 on Monday and a 77 on Tuesday to earn a second-place finish.

Jill Stein, a sophomore, played well enough to tie for fifth in the tournament with a two-day total of 162. Kelly Bego's 166 for the tournament placed her in a tie for 17th, and Emily Shoplik tied for 29th by firing a 174 for the two-day tournament.

Senior Kim Farrell rounded out a solid overall team performance by shooting 179 in two days and tying for 38th.

The team totaled a score of 648 to finish 12 strokes behind the tour-

nament champion Bradley University. The women used good balance and good overall play to finish their fall season on a high note. They will continue the 2001-2002 season in February.

The men's golf team also had plenty to be excited about by finishing third overall in the tournament in Clarksville. The young Musketeers (not a senior on the roster) used strong performances from three sophomores and two freshman to play well enough to finish third.

Xavier was led by sophomore Tim Smith's two-day total of 149, which was good enough to tie for third place individually.

Freshman Neil Gruszczynski also turned in a solid performance for the Musketeers. His two-day total of 152 was good enough for a ninth place tie. Sophomore Miles Maillet was solid once again and his 154 tied him for 11th overall.

Sophomore Matt Makinson shot an 80 on Monday, but then rallied on Tuesday to shoot 75 and end up tied for 17th. Freshman Kenton Hobbs tied for 35th with a two-day total of 165.

Xavier's total of 610 as a team was one behind second place Austin Peay and five strokes behind first place Samford University.

With such a young roster, the

Musketeers success this fall has been quite a pleasant surprise. They will try to build on their strong fall season in March of 2002.

GRUSCZYNSKI NAMED A-10 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Gruszczynski was named the A-10 Men's Golf Rookie-of-the-Week for his solid play at the Precept Intercollegiate Tournament in Clarksville, Tenn.

Gruszczynski fired rounds of 78 and 74 to finish 8-over par for the two-day tourney. Gruszczynski not only played well last weekend, but has been solid all fall for the Musketeers.

At the Earl Yeatingsmeier Invitational earlier this season, the freshman fired a 69 to become the ninth golfer in Xavier history to shoot a sub-70 round.

Join the Xavier Women's Volleyball team for their final two regular season matches at the Cintas Center!!!



Both matches will feature plenty of special contests, promotions, raffles, and giveaways! And of course, great Atlantic 10 Conference Volleyball action!



Saturday's Match

Xavier vs. George Washington, 7:00 p.m.

* Enter to win gift certificates from Don Pablo's, BW-3's, Max & Erma's, Fuddruckers, O'Bryon's Irish Pub, & Skyline *



Sunday's Match - "Senior Day"

Xavier vs. Dayton, 4:00 p.m.

Join us in saying farewell to Seniors Sara Bachus, Jill Hampton, Amanda Lang, Angela Rohling, and Anna Yasuhara in pregame festivities! Then stick around for the main event, as the Musketeers battle the Flyers in a highly anticipated Atlantic 10 showdown!

* Enter to win special prizes from LaRosa's, O'Bryon's Irish Pub, & Skyline Chili *

* Special Xavier gear and apparel giveaways from collegeweardirect.com, HatWorld, & Lids *

* First 50 fans in attendance will receive Xavier Volleyball T-shirts *

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Faculty Art Show

The Xavier University department of art presents its annual Faculty Art Show in the Cohen Art Gallery, with selected works from faculty of all disciplines. The opening reception is on Friday, Nov. 16 from 6 - 8 p.m.

For more information, call M. Katherine Uetz at 745-3811.

Open Mic Night

Napoleon (Vocalist/Beat boxer from the hip hop group, Iswhat) will host an Open Mic Night at Queen City Grind Coffee Café.

Located on short Vine Street, the café will feature DJ Mista Rare Groove.

Sign-up is at 8 p.m. and all ages and styles are welcome. For more information, call 281-5840.

Homecoming music

SAC is taking requests for homecoming music for the 2001 homecoming dance.

Email your submissions to xusac@xavier.xu.edu, or call 745-3534 for more information.

Ballroom Dance

Xavier University has been selected by the Youth College Network to be a host for a Ballroom Dance Club.

The club will offer dance lessons, social dances and opportunities to participate in DanceSport competitions. Special emphasis will be on helping beginners get started.

If you are interested in helping organize a Ballroom Dance Club, email YCNColegeClubs@aol.com and give your name, mailing address and phone number.

Piano and guitar

The Xavier University Piano and Guitar Series introduces Roger Wright to perform for the Xavier Classical Piano Series on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The performance will be hosted in the Bethesda Foundation Auditorium of the Medical Education and Research Center.

Wright will perform selected pieces by Schumann, Rzewski and Chopin.

Tickets are \$17 and \$19. Xavier students get in free with a valid ID.

For more information, contact John P. Heim, S.J., at 745-3161.

‘Disturbance’ nothing special

THIS THRILLER DOES WELL ON BIG NAMES BUT FORGETS THE CONCEPT OF “THRILLING” ALTOGETHER

BY JULIE SMALLWOOD

Contributing Writer

John Travolta's career has been full of peaks and valleys. Just when you think he's slipped into oblivion, he resurfaces to collect his dues. We saw his popularity mount with "Grease" and "Saturday Night Fever." Then came "Staying Alive" and "Urban Cowboy" where, shortly after, we didn't see much of him at all. He slowly gained momentum with the "Look Who's Talking" trilogy, until he finally exploded again as Vincent in "Pulp Fiction."

He was coasting comfortably for a while with his nice \$20 million paychecks. Then came "Battlefield Earth" — oh my dear lord. And they wonder why the mainstream doesn't get Scientology. He seems to be doing a bit better nowadays, but unfortunately, I think this is another transitional year for ol' Johnny boy.

John's latest film, "Domestic Disturbance," is a very safe movie with safe characters and safe plot lines. If this movie was any more safe, it would be a condom. Sometimes, safe works for certain films; they can still be entertaining without having to leave an impression on you. This is not the case, however, when making a thriller. A safe thriller becomes nothing more than predictable.

Travolta plays a divorced, loving father with a strong work ethic

and a conviction to seek the truth. His name is Frank — didn't see that one coming, did ya? Vince Vaughn plays Rick, a charming, handsome newcomer in town who just happens to be Frank's ex's new husband. Who would have thought that this nice guy could have a shady, criminal past and could be prone to unexpected bursts of rage? I certainly wouldn't have thought so, nor could the other six billion people that inhabit this planet. Then, there is Steve Buscemi as a creepy scumbag with a face and dental work that could scare cattle. What casting director had the amazing insight to come up with that one?

From beginning to end, there's little to figure out in this movie. Frank's son Danny witnesses his new stepdad commit a murder and nobody will believe him because he has a history of lying ... nobody, that is, except for his loving father who knows his son will lie to everyone else except him. Isn't that just the sweetest thing you ever heard? So Frank begins his crusade to seek the truth, find out about Rick's past and, hopefully, save his son from living with a killer. Eventually, all the skeptics in town, including mom, slowly begin to come around, but by then it's too late. Will Johnny be able to save the day?

The whole movie plays out like a bad poker player: Nothing makes you jump in your seat and nothing makes you wonder what's going to happen next. While Danny is brushing his teeth, you know Rick's frame will magically appear in the mirror. Will Frank be able to uncover the entire truth about the crime even before the police? Sure. I mean, the man only had to type the alleged criminal's name into an Internet search engine once and up pops a newspaper article revealing Rick's criminal past, complete with pictures and everything. The police should try that more often.

— I N Y O U R E A R —

Fans have been waiting a long time for a full-length studio album from Rustic Overtones. Over the years, the band has amassed a rabid live following. Translating an amazing live performance to a compact disc proves a problem for many bands, though. But Rustic Overtones hurdles that roadblock easily with *Viva la Revolution*, from Tommy Boy Records.

The band's sound blends hip-hop with dub reggae, ska and some jazz elements. The first track and single is "Come On," which begs listeners to "change the way you look on the inside." The catchy stop-and-start chorus would have the dead tapping their feet.

Distorted bass threads through "Gas on Skin" and ties it directly

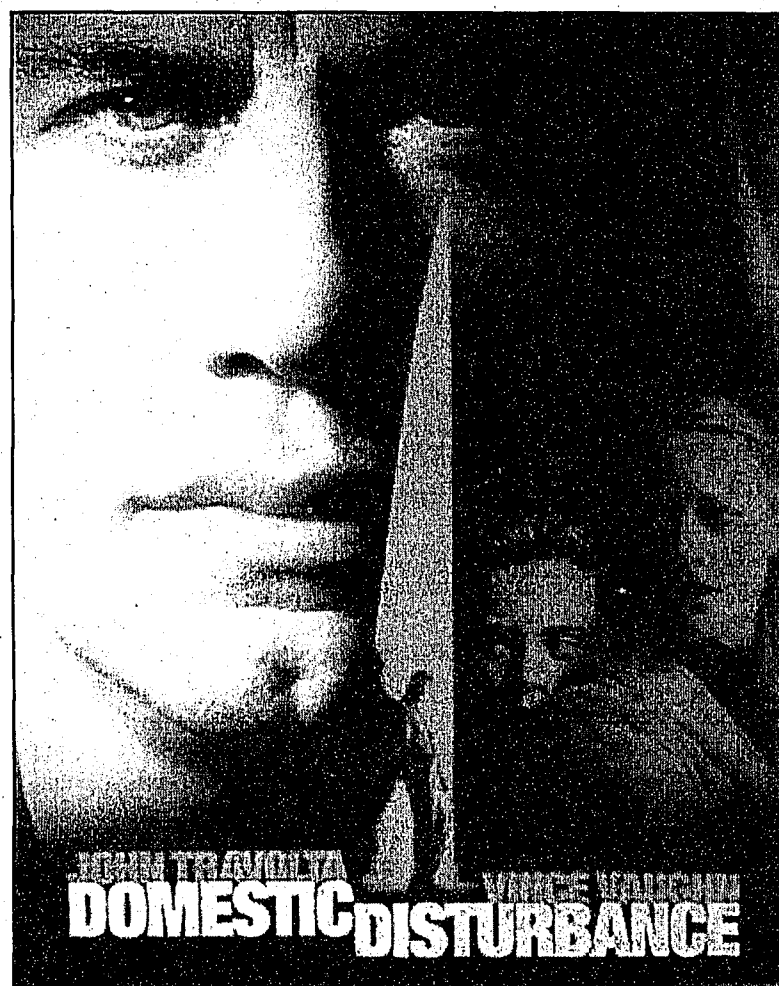


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into "Love Underground." Both this track and "Hardest Way Possible" highlight horns, beats and ska elements that are all tied together with Dave Gutter's raspy and convincing vocals.

The first half of *Viva la Revolution* is bursting at the seams with toe-tapping, catchy, singable songs that are rich with a variety of instruments.

But there are a couple elements that hold the album back. "Smoke" is a darker outing that comes across as nothing more than bland filler. Who cares if Funkmaster Flex guests on turntables? It's not what the band does best. A few other tracks seem out of the realm of the lively sound in which Rustic Overtones exceeds.

All in all, "Domestic Disturbance" moves way too quickly (it's a tad shy of 90 minutes), revealing almost all the details early in the film and leaving little for the audience to imagine. For a thriller, it does not thrill at all. The only creepy thing is Buscemi — through no fault of his own. It's just an overall boring and cheesy movie. I can't wait until Travolta's 11 years comes around again. Maybe then, he'll start moving his lips again when he talks.

Oddly enough, the band hits a perfect bull's-eye in the mellow song department. They seem to have mastered "energetic" and "mellow," but missed everything in between. "Baby Blue" is a soothing jazz song that is calm enough to lull listeners to sleep. Likewise with "Valentine's Day Massacre," which features guest female vocals to add to the dynamic of the smoothed-out jazz sound.

When all is said and done, Rustic Overtones has certain sounds so nailed down that it makes it worth the effort to buy the album and skip over the filler.

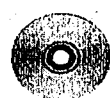
— Mike Kohlbecker,
Diversions Editor



Rustic Overtones

Viva la Revolution
(Tommy Boy)Hip-hop, ska, dub and all
that jazz

New Releases



The following discs are due for release on or before Nov. 6 ...

8Ball, *Lay It Down* (Virgin) ... Daft Punk, *Alive* (Virgin) ... Faith Evans, *Faithfully* (Arista) ... Grand Puba, *Understand This* (Koch) ... Guess Who, *Running Back Thru Canada* (Metal Blade) ... Natalie Imbruglia, *White Lillies Island* (RCA) ... Lords of Acid, *Lords vs. Detroit* (Never) ... The Out Outlawz, *Novokane* (Koch) ... They Might Be Giants, *Holidayland* (Restless)

... all dates are tentative.

Live Wires

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Mest
w/ Good Charlotte
@ Bogart's

Saturday, Nov. 10
Brittney Spears
w/ O-Town
@ Firstar Center

Sunday, Nov. 11
Dashboard Confessional
w/ Rival Schools
@ Bogart's

Monday, Nov. 12
Poe
w/ Think of England
@ Bogart's

— RESTAURANT REVIEW —

Chinese that woks and rolls

GREAT SERVICE AND GREAT FOOD CHARACTERIZE CHINA GOURMET

BY MIKE MICALLEF AND
AMBER HAVLIN
Contributing Writers

Chinese dining at its best aptly describes China Gourmet, a classic Chinese restaurant that is characterized by great food and even better service. The restaurant is located on Erie Avenue in East Hyde Park only a short commute of 10 minutes from the Xavier campus. The restaurant has often been named "the best Chinese restaurant in Cincinnati" by many publications. After our visit, we saw how it has earned that coveted label.

Bing Moy founded the restaurant in 1977; today it is owned and operated by his sons, Tenley and Howard Moy.

As you enter the restaurant, you encounter a Chinese motif. From a beautiful piece of stained glass to the many different Chinese prints hanging on the walls, the restaurant is tastefully decorated and creates a peaceful and relaxing environment, good for special occasions and intimate gatherings. The large eatery has two main sections, smoking and non-smoking, separated from each other by a small bar and foyer.

Upon our arrival, the restaurant was fairly empty, yet, upon the completion of our meal, the restaurant seemed to be filled to capacity. Therefore, it is recommended,

however, not required to have a reservation as China Gourmet attracts patrons from all around the city of Cincinnati.

Upon arriving at a table, you notice the handcrafted low-back dining chairs and a full five-course place setting with a cloth napkin folded delicately between the place setting.

The service provided at the China Gourmet is second to none. From the time we entered until our eventual exit, the servers, who are dressed in suits, were very attentive and friendly. Howard greeted us, and not only did he take our order, he also engaged in a pleasant conversation which was fun and light-hearted.

A unique service provided is the servers dish out the first portions of the main course by your tableside, which gives you a feeling you are a special and important guest. Thus, the service provided at the China Gourmet was first-rate, however, service alone does not make the dining experience one to remember. The food must be excellent as well. To no surprise, the food was exceptional as well.

The menu was large enough to have many different options; however, it wasn't overwhelming as most Chinese restaurant menus tend to be. China Gourmet also prides itself on making the meal on your request, thus, you can mix and match items according to your desires.

We started the evening with two different soups: the hot and sour and Chinese vegetable. The hot and sour definitely was hot with the subtle sour after taste. This soup contained minced onions, bamboo shoots and a combination of shredded beef and chicken. The Chinese vegetable soup was a clear broth containing snow peas and onions.

Following the soups, we tried the spring rolls and the egg roll. Both were excellent, the egg roll — which is shorter and thicker than the spring roll — contained some vegetables along with pork and chicken. The freshness of the crisp and buttered outer shells made them both worthy of ordering again.

For the main course, we chose

to try a China Gourmet classic, the "New Chicken," and a traditional Chinese dish, lo mein noodles with beef. The New Chicken consisted of chunks of deep-fried chicken that were then stir-fried in a spicy garlic sauce also accompanied by snow peas, onions and carrots all over steamed white rice and chicken fried rice. This entrée was excellent — its taste carried a nice flavor that wasn't overpowering like most garlic sauces tend to be, and the vegetables were extra crispy. The lo mein beef selection may have been the only course of the meal that just needed something extra, in not only the taste, but the texture as well.

The China Gourmet outperforms most restaurants in two important aspects: food and service. With that combination in tact, it would seem hard to ever not have an enjoyable dining experience at China Gourmet. The prices do tend to be a little higher at this upscale restaurant; appetizers range from \$1.95-16.95, and entrees run from \$7.95-27.95. However we added it up, the meal seems to be worth the price.

Thus, if you are anticipating a special event or occasion and you want to start the evening with a great meal, look no further than the China Gourmet where food and service are always top-notch.



Michael Jackson
Invincible
(Sony/Epic)



To the critics: Shut up and listen

Justin, you and your N'SynCers are punks. Britney and Christina, put some clothes on. Backstreet Boys, are you still here? All of you move to the side to make room for the King of Pop.

On Michael Jackson's latest release, *Invincible*, he shows the world what is wrong with today's pop. He doesn't redefine pop mind you; he did that in the '80s. The music world had a decade to catch up to him, and they're trying real hard to match him. With *Invincible* though, he shows them, and us, just how far they have to go.

The songs themselves are masterfully done. Each one has a smoothness that only Jackson can pull off. While the songs usually deal with relationships, each song goes off in a completely different

direction with the subject. As a listener, you never get that monotonous feeling that comes with most pop albums. A few of the songs are like a window that we, as listeners, can use to see what's going on in his mind.

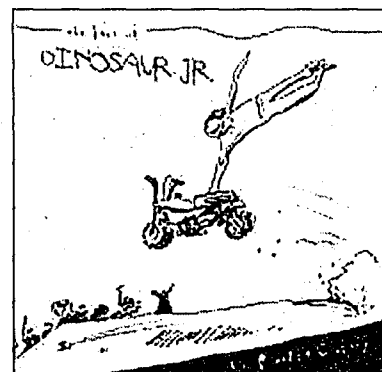
On the pop side of the album, there's the song "Invincible," which deals with a man's frustration of wanting a woman whom nobody can get. Another song, "Heaven Can Wait," is a beautiful ballad where MJ begs the angels taking his soul to heaven to take him back to earth so he can be with his love. "Speechless" starts with a wonderful acappella by Michael that sets the tone well for the song. One of the best tracks on the album is "Whatever Happens." In it, Jackson tells the story of a married couple who are going through some trouble. The husband buries himself in his job, convinced that will solve all their problems. His wife is not concerned with the tangible part of their relationship, though, and begs him in the chorus "Whatever happens, don't let go of my hand." Carlos Santana lets his guitar sing on this one, as well.

As with most Jackson albums, he sets aside a couple of songs that are more personal to him. On the first song, "Unbreakable," Jackson takes a shot at all the people who used him. The late Notorious B.I.G. makes a cameo in this one as well. The revealing track "Privacy" is where Michael lashes out at the paparazzi. He even shares his grief over the death of Princess Diana and

how easily it could have been avoided. The last song on the disc, "Threatened," is a very strong track. In it, MJ admits to being the monster that the press has labeled him. When he does it, you realize how absurd some of the stereotypes are.

With *Invincible*, Jackson shows us what it's like to admit to liking pop again. Each song either has a smoothness that makes you want to dance, or a personal touch to it that makes you want to curl up with someone special and tell them how much you care. If anyone wonders why he's known as the King of Pop, they should just pick up this album and something from a boy band; all hail the King.

— Dan Cox,
Contributing Writer



Dinosaur Jr.
Ear Bleeding Country (Best of)
(Rhino)



Grunge pioneers at their greatest

Wow, finally a greatest hits album out by one of the premier grunge bands. Four years after their demise, this "best of" collection is great for those who are new to Dinosaur Jr. and also older fans who can no longer track down their long, out-of-print earlier releases.

Formerly a hardcore band in the '80s, Dinosaur Jr. later emerged as one of the premier grunge bands. Though not as commercially successful as Nirvana or Soundgarden (or any of the other carbon copy grunge bands), they earned a lot of respect from their fellow peers and maintained a die-hard fanbase until their demise.

What distinguished Dinosaur Jr. from all the other grunge bands out there was their sound. The songs were simple in structure and had

tons of melody, but this was all hidden under walls of feedback and distortion courtesy of vocalist/guitarist J Mascis. Mascis's lazy vocals and anti-social personal demeanor were a main character in Dinosaur Jr.'s music.

Most of the early singles on this collection have been remastered and fixed up, making them sound even better all these years later. A big problem with Dinosaur Jr. was the production of their records. Not until they signed with a major label did their sound truly evolve.

Once Nirvana broke in 1991, they brought their friends Dinosaur Jr. on tour with them. DJ had an early college radio hit with "Freak Scene" and mainstream crossover hits with a cover of "Just Like Heaven" (complete with loads of guitar feedback) and "Feel The Pain", which crossed over to MTV and rock radio, giving Dinosaur Jr. very brief (but well deserved) mainstream recognition.

These guys, while not mainstream material (even when they tried), are still respected by music fans and musicians all over. As Mascis said in many interviews, "We really didn't have our own sound, I just stole it off of people I really loved like Black Flag, Neil Young and The Cure."

An essential CD to any rock collection: Grunge before grunge. Not "ear-bleeding country," but ear bleeding nonetheless.

— Asa Kraning,
Contributing Writer

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"Yeah, but, mimes don't talk."
"They do... when they're off duty."

"No I will not make-out with you!"

"It's a little childish and stupid, but then, so is high school."

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WEDNESDAY

November 7

All college campus ... campuses? ... campi? ... Ahem. Every college campus has some things in common. They all have classrooms, teachers and books. It's the things that are different that distinguish colleges. To find these differences, I've been secretly stalking a number of Xavier students to find out what makes Xavier so special.

First of all, Xavier (as far as I know) is the only school to boast the proud tradition of the **International Coffee Hour**. It's coffee and it's gone international. What could be better? You can find this mocha-wonder today from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Romero Center. This week's hour of coffee is brought to you by Ecuador.

Another favorite of Xavier students would have to be the music we listen to. A word to the wise: the kid that turns his music up the loudest and opens the door so it can pour through the hallways is undoubtedly the **coolest** kid on the floor. If you want to hear some other good music, you should go see Good Charlotte play at Bogarts today. The show starts at 8 p.m.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha a.k.a the Rho Psi chapter are at it again. What mischief have they concocted for us this week? Let me give you a hint. Think "Sandlot". Think **Benny (the Jet)**

Calendar City

By Dan Arbeznik To place an item in the calendar, call 924-8417 or mail to ML 2129.

Rodriguez. Think PF Flyers. Think campout. If you would have followed all of my instructions you undoubtedly know that I'm talking about S'mores Night Out. It's from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Village Gazebo, not in the treehouse overlooking **The Beast's** domain. Squince will be there retelling the legend of the Beast while Ham Porter unites the "grahams and flammin' mallows." F-O-R-E-V-E-R.

THURSDAY

November 8

Today is the feast of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. Help mitigate their wrath by celebrating Mass with Fr. B. today in the Husman chapel at 5:30 p.m.

Sick of watching "Bagger Vance" for the 15th time? Go directly to this week's Ethics/Religion and Society film: "Muriel's Wedding" today at 7 p.m. in the Kelley Auditorium. If you don't do it, you know you're just gonna watch that frozen basketball game on Scola again.

The coolest group in school, the **Xavier Players** (they must listen to their music really loud),

will be performing Shakespeare today at 8 p.m. in the Armory. Today is National Punster Day after all.

Another favorite pastime of Xavier students is the rodeo that goes on in the lower level parking lot. Cars searching frantically, thinking that the car that just left to go up the hill might have missed a spot.

Speaking of parking, have you ever noticed that Fr. Graham has his own parking spot at the "police" station? **Sup wit dat?**

Today is also National Pursuit of Happiness day. I know I would be content if I could just get one of those lower level parking spots.

FRIDAY

November 9

Even though we, as the sophomore class, are the **smoke free class of 2000**, I've noticed a number of you out there have fallen out. Did those educational videos we watched in fourth grade teach you nothing? Were you sick for every day of **D.A.R.E** class? Did you learn anything from "The More You Know" people of NBC? Oh well, these things happen. While we're on the topic of drugs, this week is Alcohol Awareness week. If you've never heard of this beast, I suggest

you become aware of him tonight. Most likely, you'll have to do this at an off campus-party where people are plentiful and taps are scarce. Upon your return to campus, don't go jumping in any bushes. That's where our rare breed of wild cats reside.

If you don't feel like re-examining your **Sodexo cuisine** up close, go to the music recital in Edgecliff Hall today at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

November 10

I guess most colleges might have many things in common, too. Now, I don't know about you, and I haven't done the math yet, but I figure if I spent as much time reading my Biology book as I do reading **AOL IM away messages**, I could teach the class by now.

What about going to football games on those cool Fall afternoons? Well, we don't exactly have a football team, but we do have something much better: the swim team. Come see their first home meet today in OSC at 1 p.m. You know it's either that or another game of pool in Kuhlman using a pool stick, or a game of air-hockey

in Brockman ... minus the air.

College students love to download music. Administrators love to firewall our server. I am all in favor of instant gratification. That's why I'll be going to watch the Choir Concert perform Mozart today at 8 p.m. in Bellarmine Chapel. I promise it won't take seven days to download.

SUNDAY

November 11

Homecoming week kicks off today. Look for updates on **Xavier's educational Channels 1 and 2**. Tonight at 11:15 p.m there will be a "Midnight Snack" after the 10 p.m. mass.

The volleyball team hosts **Dayton** in a regular season finale today at 4 p.m.

MONDAY

November 12

At 1:30 p.m. out on the residential mall, there will be a Taco Bell eating contest. If you think that's hard, try eating a bowl of each kind of cereal in the cafeteria every day.

TUESDAY

November 13

Today is **World Kindness Day**. In this spirit, I beseech those who hurl fruit from the heights of Kuhlman to lay down your oranges for just one day.

Help Wanted

The Pub at Rookwood Mews, an exciting new concept from the owners of Nicholson's Tavern & Pub and deSha's American Tavern, is now hiring for it's opening in late Nov./early Dec. The Pub is an upscale British themed tavern located in Rookwood Commons. Applications are currently being accepted for bartenders, servers, barbacks/ utility, line cooks, and dishwashers. Evening hours only. Experience is required. Applications available at 2702 Edmonson Road., Nicholson's, and deSha's. Résumés may be faxed to (513) 841-2749.

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